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In re U.S. Patent No.: 7,306,197 B2 )  
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Inventors: Andrea PARRINO et al. )  
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Issue Date.: December 11, 2007 )  
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For: CONNECTION ELEMENT AND )  
CONNECTING DEVICE FOR )  
TUBES )

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## REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 254, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.322, this is a request for a Certificate of Correction in the above-identified patent. The mistakes identified in the appended Form occurred through the fault of the Patent Office, as clearly disclosed by the records of the application which matured into this patent.

Two (2) copies of PTO Form 1050 are appended. The complete Certificate of Correction involves one (1) page. Issuance of the Certificate of Correction containing the corrections is earnestly requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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It is hereby certified that an error or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In claim 19, column 9, lines 10-12, "An assembling process of a connecting element providing the connection element of claim 15; comprising the steps of:" should read --An assembling process of a connecting element comprising the steps of: providing the connection element of claim 15;--.

In claim 44, column 11, lines 41-43, "An assembling process of a connecting element providing the connection element of claim 42; comprising the steps of:" should read --An assembling process of a connecting element comprising the steps of: providing the connection element of claim 40;--.

In claim 64, column 13, lines 48-50, "An assembling process of a connecting element providing the connection element of claim 52; comprising the steps of:" should read --An assembling process of a connecting element comprising the steps of: providing the connection element of claim 52;--.

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In claim 44, column 11, lines 41-43, "An assembling process of a connecting element providing the connection element of claim 42; comprising the steps of:" should read --An assembling process of a connecting element comprising the steps of: providing the connection element of claim 40;--.

In claim 64, column 13, lines 48-50, "An assembling process of a connecting element providing the connection element of claim 52; comprising the steps of:" should read --An assembling process of a connecting element comprising the steps of: providing the connection element of claim 52;--.

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